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SUBJ: TWELVE SENEGALESE ARRESTED FOR DISTRIBUTING POLITICAL
TRACTS AND ORGANIZING CLANDESTINE MOVEMENT.

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SUMMARY: IN SEQUEL TO ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS OF 13 SENEGALESE APRIL 1975 FOR DISSEMINATING ILLEGAL POLITICAL TRACTS, 12 MORE SENEGALESE WERE ARRESTED DURING LAST TWO WEEKS OF JUNE. CURRENT DETAINEES, NONE OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN IN POLITICAL OR GOVERNMENT CIRCLES, APPARENTLY WERE CAUGHT RED-HANDED. END SUMMARY

1. LE SOLEIL JULY 5 GIVES DETAILED ACCOUNT OF ARRESTS OF TWELVE SENEGALESE HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH LANDING SAVANE, LEADER OF GROUP CONVICTED IN APRIL (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO PRESS, DURING ROUTINE POLICE CHECK ON HIGHWAY BETWEEN KAOLACK AND MBOUR, IBRAHIMA WANE WAS APPREHENDED IN POSSESSION OF LARGE STOCK OF CLANDESTINE TRACT, "XARE BI" (WAR). DESPITE APRIL ARRESTS XARE BI REPORTEDLY WAS STILL BEING CIRCULATED IN BOTH FRENCH AND WOLOF EDITIONS. ARREST OF WANE LED TO ARRESTS OF 11 OTHERS AND INTERROGATION OF MADAME LANDING SAVANE (WHO WAS RELEASED FROM DETENTION.)

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2. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT AFTER ARREST OF LANDING

SAVANE AND OTHERS, GROUP OF SMALL SELF-STYLED POLITICAL PARTIES AND SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENTS HAD ORGANIZED THEMSELVES AROUND NUCLEUS OF SAVANE'S ORGANIZATION, RENWU REWMI (ROOTS OF THE NATION) TO FORM NEW MOVEMENT, AND DIEUF (UNITY THROUGH ACTION). THIS NEW ORGANIZATION IS SAID TO HAVE MEMBERS THROUGHOUT SENEGAL'S MAJOR CITIES WHERE IT HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTING XARE BI, ALBEIT SPORADICALLY AND IN SMALL QUANTITIES.

3. PUBLISHED LIST OF THOSE ARRESTED AND THEIR OCCUPATIONS FOLLOWS: IBRAHIMA WANE, AN EMPLOYEE OF OFFICE NATIONALE DES COOPERATIVES ET D'ASSISTANCE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT (ONCAD) RESIDENT IN KAOLACK;
ISMAIL DIAKHATE, AN EX-EMPLOYEE (LIKE LANDING SAVANE) OF GOS STATISTICAL OFFICE;
ABDOURAHMANE KOUNTA, CHIEF ACCOUNTANT IN A PRIVATE FIRM, SOCIETE SENEGALAISE D'ARMEMENT A LA PECHE (SOSAP) AND TREASURER OF AND DIEUF;
AMADOU TOPP, A DAKAR EMPLOYEE OF ONCAD;
MAMADOU DIOP, DESCRIBED ONLY AS FORMER STUDENT AND SECRETARY OF MOVEMENT;
MAMADOU SOW, AN ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR;
MRS. SOW, BORN EUGENIE ROKHAYA AW, JOURNALIST WITH LE SOLEIL;
ABDOU EL MAZI NDIAYE, ENGINEER AT BUD SENEGAL;
JOSEPH DIOP, PROFESSOR AT CENTRE NATIONAL D'EDUCATION POPULAIRE ET SPORTIVE (CNEPS) IN THIES;
BOUBACAR KEITA, ASSISTANT IN FACULTY OF SCIENCE, (NOT SPECIFIED WHERE);
SADEL NDIAYE, CLERK OF COURT IN TAMBACOUNDA, AND MOUSSE GUEYE SECK, EMPLOYEE OF RAILROAD IN THIES.

4. ALTHOUGH AND DIEUF ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE IN SUCH MANNER THAT EACH MEMBER WOULD NOT KNOW OTHERS, THIS APPARENTLY DID NOT PREVENT SENEGALESE POLICE FROM IDENTIFYING AND ARRESTING NUMBER OF ORGANIZATION'S LEADERS. GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO ABLE TO CONFISCATE TYPEWRITERS AND DUPLICATING EQUIPMENT AT AND DIEUF QUARTERS IN DAKAR.

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5. DOCUMENT CAPTURED AT PUBLISHING LOCATION INDICATED AND DIEUF WAS PLANNING "CONSTITUENT CONGRESS." OFFICIAL NAME OF MOVEMENT WAS TO BE "ORGANIZATION DES OUVRIERS, PAYSANS ET INTELLECTUELS REVOLUTIONNAIRES DE TYPE NOUVEAU" (ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS, PEASANTS AND NEW STYLE REVOLUTIONARY INTELLECTUALS). DOCUMENTS ALSO CONFIRMED LEFTIST, "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" NATURE OF AND DIEUF WHOSE GOALS CITED AS OVERTHROW OF PRESENT "NEOCOLONIAL REGIME AND REPLACEMENT BY

"NEW DEMOCRACY".

6. LE SOLEIL ARTICLE, WHICH PROBABLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL VIEWS, NOTES THAT AND DIEUF HAS LITTLE POPULAR FOLLOWING AMONG CITIZENRY. IT ALSO CONCLUDES THAT AND DIEUF DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH PARTI AFRICAIN POUR L'INDEPENDENCE (PAI), NOW VIRTUALLY DEFUNCT CRYPTO-COMMUNIST PARTY WHICH HAS BEEN ON FRINGE OF SENEGALESE POLITICAL SCENE SINCE INDEPENDENCE. WHILE ABSOLVING PAI, HOWEVER, AUTHORITIES STILL APPARENTLY BELIEVE AND DIEUF MOVEMENT RECEIVED FUNDS FROM OUTSIDE. LANDING SAVANE, WHO TRAVELED ABROAD FREQUENTLY BEFORE HIS ARREST LAST APRIL, WAS SAID TO BE CONDUIT FOR SUCH FINANCING.

7. CONCERNING OPPOSITION MOVEMENTS, LE SOLEIL SAYS PAI SYMPATHIZERS STILL EXIST, BUT ARE DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES AND BETWEEN OLD GENERATION AND NEW, AND THAT LATTER CRITICIZE THEIR SENIORS FOR "PASSIVITY". REMNANTS OF DISSIDENT STUDENT MOVEMENTS AND DISGRUNTLED LEFTIST TRADE UNIONISTS ALSO ARE SAID TO CIRCULATE IN OPPOSITION MILEU, BUT THESE ARE NOT HARASSED BY POLICE SINCE NONE OF THEM ARE ENGAGING IN ILLEGAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

8. COMMENT: POLICE APPEAR TO BE INCREASINGLY EFFICIENT IN SUPPRESSING ANTI-REGIME PUBLISHERS OF CLANDESTINE TRACTS. WHILE TRACTS ARE MINOR IRRITANT TO GOS, NEITHER THEIR SUPPRESSION NOR THEIR CONTINUED CIRCULATION IS LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON SENEGALESE POLITICAL EVOLUTION. BY SAME TOKEN, CLANDESTINE POLITICAL MOVEMENTS SUCH AS AND DIEUF, WITHOUT ANY IMPORTANT SUPPORT APPARENTLY EITHER FROM CITIZENRY OR ANY POLITICIANS WITH WIDE FOLLOWING, DO NOT REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO GOS. DECONTROL DEC. 31, 1976.

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